GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BIO-DIVERSITY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated a bio-diversity project to be funded by the U. Ns Global Environmental facility and launch the project with a cost of $9,68,200 in the country;

(b) if so, whether this programme is likely to be launched taking into consideration the environmental aspects and ecological balance of the Eastern Ghats; and

(c) if so, the time by which this programme is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes,Sir. The Government has initiated a National Biodiversity strategy and Action Plan Project with the financial assistance from the Global Environment Facility.

(b) Eastern Ghats is one of the eco-regions identified for preparing the strategy and Action Plan in this project.

(c)) The Project was officially launched on 11.4.2000. The project is for a duration of two years.